Veterinary Hospital (Aduthurai)

* 839 *Q.*—SRI T. R. RAMAMIRTHA THONDAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கிழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) ஆடுதுறையில் கால்நடை ஆஸ்பத்திரி கட்டுவது மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்கப்பட்டதா ?

(இ) இல்லையானால் **First Aid Centre** -ஐயாவது ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) No, Sir.

(இ) There is already a Minor Veterinary Dispensary functioning at Aduthurai.

Arecanut cultivation (Kanyakumari)

* 840 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme for improving the cultivation of arecanut in the Kanyakumari district;

(*b*) if so, the details thereof; and

(*c*) how far it has been carried out till now?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned the opening of an areca nut nursery in the Kanyakumari district to raise seedlings from selected high yielding trees located in the existing arecanut belts of Coimbatore district and to arrange for their distribution to serve the needs of the existing and prospective arecanut growers in the Kanyakumari district.

(*c*) The nursery has been established temporarily in Government lands in Shencottah taluk pending selection of a suitable site in the Kanyakumari district. The requirements of seedlings of the arecanut growers in the Kanyakumari district are now met by the arecanut nurseries in the Shencottah taluk and the Fruit Research Station at Kallar, Coimbatore district.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether a nursery will be started in the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Department has been looking out for a suitable site in the Kanyakumari district. A site was proposed at the Fruit Research Station but then it was found that there were no adequate water facilities. Then another site was suggested at Thackalai but it was found that there was

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some dispute pending in the court regarding the ownership of the site. Therefore, the officers of the department have been looking out for a suitable site and as soon as the site is made available, a research station would be located.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the total cost of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information just now about the total cost.

Cooum and Buckingham Canal (City Transport)

* 841 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to utilize the Cooum and Buckingham Canal for City transport purposes?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Yes, Sir. The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether this will be taken up during the Third-Plan period?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I hope, Sir.

SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : சமீபத்தில் முதலமைச்சர் அவர்கள் இந்த பக்கிங்காம் கெனாலை சீர்படுத்தி அதில் பஸ்போக்குவரத்து நடத்தப்படும், அல்லது ஆழப்படுத்தி படகு போக்குவரத்து நடத்தப்படும் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்களே, அதன் பேரில் அரசாங்கம் என்ன திட்டமிட்டிருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இதை ஆழப்படுத்தி படகு போக்குவரத்தை அதிகமாக்கவேண்டும் என்ற திட்டம் அரசாங்கத்தில் இருக்கிறது. முதலமைச்சர் சொன்ன ஆலோசனையும் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Since the Government are unable to solve the peak-hour traffic problem, will the Government take up this proposal and run motor-boats as early as possible to relieve the congestion in the passenger traffic in the Madras City?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : After considering all these factors, the Government have come to the conclusion to examine this scheme.

Unauthorized levies by non-fee levying schools (Tirunelveli)

* 842 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the Tirunelveli district unauthorized levies are being made from the students by non-fee levying schools; and